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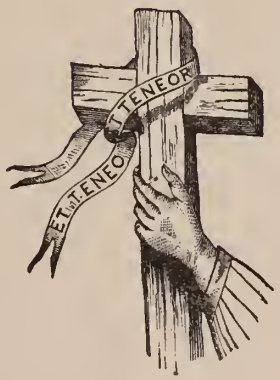

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Abroad.

CHINA.—Chefoo.

Mrs. J. L. Nevius.

I think there are about forty women of my industrial class present to-day. Salah, my oldest pupil, has a few of the latest comers and least instructed in a small room by themselves, giving them some first lessons; while in the school-room Jennie is asking the questions of the Catechism, and little Emily is leading the women in answering. Many of them know it very well indeed, but some are still behindhand, and will require much more patient teaching before they have it perfectly. A few days ago I was teaching them the 12th chapter of Romans, from the eighth verse to the end. On first reading it to them, with a few simple explanations, they were much impressed by it, and understood it readily until we came to

the twentieth verse, "For in so doing thou shalt heap *coals of fire* on *his head.*" Here they were lost, completely bewildered. I asked various ones what they thought it meant. I can only remember two of their replies. One said she thought the coals of fire must certainly be intended to *kill* the "enemy." Another supposed it meant that "the enemy" would be so enraged by this persistent kindness, that his head would swell out, and be burning hot, *as if* there were hot coals upon it! Finally, after many similar guesses, I explained it to their great satisfaction, and I hope more than one person made the good resolution to try in the future to overcome evil with good. You must not suppose that such a number of verses as that could be learned in one afternoon or two. On the contrary, if they get it in six or eight I shall be thankful.

Have I written you since the admission of three women to the church? Their names are Wang, Kiang and Si. They appear well, and I trust are true believers. Do pray for them, and ask the ladies of our Society to remember them constantly in their prayers, that their faith may not fail, and that they may live devoted, consistent lives. A fourth woman, Mrs. Yong, was expecting to be baptized at the same time, but at the very last her courage failed. Her daughter and daughter-in-law begged and pleaded with many tears, and actually held her to keep her from coming to church to meet the session. So finally she yielded for a time, fully intending hereafter to profess Christ. I am sorry she was so weak, but I am not without hope that she will sooner or later be willing to forsake all, if necessary, for Christ. There are other members of the class who are interested, but none ready for baptism. Pray for the Holy Spirit's influences to bless His own word, and to make these poor women willing to take up their cross and follow Jesus. I suppose you have but little idea of all they have to suffer. From the very beginning of their Christian life they have to experience what it is to be hated and despised and treated with all sorts of unkindness on account of their new faith. It is not strange that some of them yield to such adverse influences, and fall away. Perhaps it is stranger still that so many hold on faithful to the end.

JAPAN.—Hakone.

MRS. DR. HEPBURN.

. . . I WAS very reluctant to close my school before the last of July, but it seemed best, so I disbanded it for the summer the last of June, and we left our home on the first of July, for a trip, first to Atami, to try what the hot baths would do for Dr. Hepburn. He had such a severe attack of acute rheumatism as to be quite disabled.

We spent five days among these wonderful geysers. The principal one is in the centre of the town, and some five or six times during the twenty-four hours it throws up a large jet of boiling water and an immense volume of steam. It is a favorite resort for rheumatic and other invalids. We crossed high mountains in coming to Hakone, which is a pleasant little town, situated on or near the top of the Hakone mountains, and at the head of a beautiful lake. This is a favorite resort during the summer for the residents of Yokohama, as the country all about here is very beautiful. The people are mostly poor. The Christian missionary can tell the story of the cross here as everywhere. Quite a company came to the inn where we were staying to have Dr. Hepburn explain to them the way of salvation.

Gotenba.—We came to this place on Monday. I wish I could convey to you the loveliness of the scenery in this part of Japan. We travel altogether by *kango*, no more suitable means of conveyance having reached this part of the country. The *kango* is a kind of basket with a strong pole passing over the top, the ends of which rest on the shoulders of the coolies who carry it. These conveyances are small, and require no small amount of doubling up to get one's person comfortably ensconced in them, but they are open on the sides, and the traveller has a fine opportunity to see the country through which he is passing. We came by boat to the end of Hakone lake, and then by *kango* over the O-Tomi-toge mountain. From the top of this, which is some 6000 feet high, there is a magnificent view of the celebrated Fusiyama, the mountain of Japan, and of the lovely smiling valley which lies between.

From this valley Fusiyama rises, almost a perfect cone, some 14,000 feet high. Standing apart from all other mountains, solitary and alone, it looks very grand and imposing. It is the sacred mountain of Japan, and the pilgrims who ascend to its top in large numbers every year, save the clothes they wear to be buried in.

Gotenba, where we are now stopping, is the neatest Japanese town I have seen. We found on arriving here such a pleasant tea house or inn, that we at once resolved to spend a few days here to enjoy the perfect quiet and the pure mountain air. From our window we have a fine view of Fusiyama, with the streaks of snow on its sides. Our hostess tells us that the snow never all melts away. The people and children about here look healthier and fresher than those around Yokohama. They are mostly farmers, and the whole valley is beautifully cultivated. The roads are not very wide, but are good, and shaded on each side with rich evergreen trees. I wish we could have a mission station here, but at present that is not possible. We have to get passports from the government in Yedo even to take such a trip as we are now enjoying.

Yokohama, July 24th.—I hoped to finish my letter while I was away from home, and to have told you more about the places and people we saw on our journey, so as to have it ready to mail on our return home, but did not manage it. I suppose there are not many countries where fleas abound more than in Japan. The Japanese mats are full of them, and during our journey, if I sat down to write, or lay down to read, these little torments became very active, and gave me no peace. I bundled up all the unanswered letters which have been accumulating in my desk for some months, and found I had twenty-five to answer. I was obliged to bring them all back to answer here. We returned a day or two ago from our delightful trip, which we call, "Three weeks among the fleas," much benefited by the entire change and pure mountain air. I have travelled much, but have never seen more beautiful mountain scenery in any land, not excepting Italy or Switzerland. I shall not attempt more than my necessary domestic duties during the remaining six weeks of hot weather, and then, if life and health are spared, I shall hope to resume my school.

BRAZIL.—Rio Claro.

MISS ELLA KUHL.

MISS DASCOMB and I have been enjoying a vacation, and feel very much refreshed and invigorated. We visited our missionary friends of the Southern Church and others in Campinas. We have rather a primitive mode of travelling in this part of the country, and our ride of 52 miles on a *trolly*, over a rough and dusty road, was rather fatiguing. A *trolly* is a wagon without springs, and has two high seats on planks, with heavy wheels. It is drawn by mules. We were delighted when Campinas, with its railroads, its gas lights, and its occasional two and three storied houses, burst suddenly on our view. But best of all was the warm welcome from our missionary friends, and American and English citizens of that place.

While we were there, the Emperor made his long-talked-of visit to the province. There was considerable demonstration on the part of the citizens. The depot was handsomely trimmed with palm leaves and other greens, and English and Brazilian flags (it is an English railroad). The streets were strewn with flowers and leaves, arches were erected, rockets fired, &c. The missionaries and the pupils from the college, and the teachers and pupils from the Roman Catholic college, were arranged by the delegation on each side of the street, and a large crowd of people, headed by a band of music, marched down to the depot to meet him. A coach with two postillions, and drawn by six grays, conveyed his Imperial Majesty to the principal places of interest in the city. About 3 P. M. he visited the college, and entered the room in which were Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Lane, some English pupils and ourselves. He spoke pleasantly in good English, and then examined the building from the basement to the third story. Afterwards he entered the school-room, and heard the classes in Latin, Greek, Portuguese grammar and algebra examined, occasionally asking questions or making remarks. A young lady was called out to do an example in algebra, and he said to Mrs. Morton, "Why do you teach girls algebra?"

It was hard to realize that the benevolent-looking old gentleman in plain citizen's dress was the crowned head of Brazil. Mrs. Morton gave him a handsomely-bound catalogue of the institution, prepared for the occasion. The catalogue plainly states that it is the aim of the faculty to give the pupils a religious training, the Bible being the rule of faith and practice. It is said that the Emperor is quite liberal in his religious views, but cautious in what he says. His son-in-law, the heir to the throne, is more bigoted. He visited the college some time since, asked a great many questions, and afterward remarked that he liked everything about the institution but the Bible. This man in all human probability is to rule Brazil, but the king's heart is in the hands of the Lord.

THE OROOMIAH GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Miss Jennie Dean.

Several of the patrons of our school have asked me about our girls and their scholarships. Those whom I have met I have answered, but as there may be many more who do not know what arrangement has been made, I will explain that it has been suggested, and approved by the Board, that the $600 appropriation which would have been used for our school this winter be held in reserve for repairs on the building belonging to the new premises bought for the Mohammedan Girls' School by the Buffalo society. Some of the friends, I think, know that the Mohammedan Girls' School and Nestorian Girls' School are to be combined, and as the house belonging to the premises just bought is adjoining our present school-rooms, it will be very easy to unite the two buildings. We shall be very glad to tear down the high walls between the two yards, which keep out so much of the sunshine and light, and make so much dampness. Miss Vanduzee and Miss Poage I presume will open the school next fall, and the patrons can again resume their scholarships. I have some hope now that I may be there at the opening of the school, but if I am still in America, I will adjust the different scholarships for the ladies, and give all possible information here on this side the world.

INDIA.—Futtehgurh.

MRS. THOS. TRACY.

. . . There is a woman who for a short time has been attending one of our schools, and who told me, the first time I saw her, that her friends were very angry with her for learning to read. Yesterday she came to see Kausilla, who, you know, lives in a house in our garden, and in the afternoon they came to have a talk with me. The woman said she wanted to learn more about Christ. She had heard of Him, and as she had no faith in her idol gods, she wanted to seek salvation through Him. I could not talk long with her, as I was going out, but she promised to come as often as she could to Kausilla's house, that she might be taught about Christ. When I returned home it was dark. In a few minutes Kausilla came to me asking what she should do; the woman was still in her house, and would not go home. "She must go," I said, "it will never do for her to stay here."

"But what shall I do? I can't turn her out and she won't go herself," answered Kausilla. So it ended in Mr. Tracy sending her off, telling her she might stay here in the daytime, but not at night. It seemed very hard to turn from our doors one who has come to learn about Jesus. The woman was afraid to go home. She said they treated her badly because she wanted to be a Christian, and that her husband turned her off and told her he would have nothing to do with her, and she had no relations who would receive her. She has no children, and this I doubt not is the chief reason her husband has discarded her. Her story, to some extent at least, is probably true; but what can we do for her? Were we to give her a home with Kausilla, her husband would at once bring a suit against us for enticing his wife away. We could not let her stay one night, or give her a meal, without running the risk of raising a great tumult in the city, and being heavily fined by the magistrate for making a person break her caste. She would have been polluted in the eyes of her relatives by her association with us, and we, being the cause of it (in the eyes of the law), would be severely punished. And what would

be worse than all, it would be injurious to our work to have it thought we encouraged women to leave their homes. Were she a widow, as in Chhote's case, or living a bad life as Kausilla was, the case would be different. Her husband has a legal claim on her, which we cannot overlook. Our only hope is that we can induce her husband to give up this claim (if he has turned her out), and allow us lawfully to care for her.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

Miss M. N. Wilson writes from Allahabad, India: "Do you think any of the bands would be willing to assume the support of our conveyances, instead of a teacher or scholarship? We are obliged to spend quite an amount on this object, and a horse and carriage is an absolute necessity. Of course the mission know this, and it is given to us, still it might be made a separate thing. Did you ever think how the names of those who repaired the walls in the time of Nehemiah are all preserved in the record of that work in the Bible? Do you not suppose that so long as the walls remained, they were an object of greater interest to their descendants from this fact? And it cannot be wrong for us to build up the living temple in the same way. Perhaps the record is kept as a lesson to the different societies and denominations of our day."

Mrs. Cowley writes from Spokan Falls, Washington Territory: "Two churches have sent us word that a box was nearly completed for our school. It cheers us greatly; it is sweet indeed to feel that there is force in the rear. I desire to feel willing to work only because Christ works. Would that we could be *filled* with the love of Christ! When at times I feel out of patience with our people's filth and laziness, the dear Son of God seems to stand before me. He, the embodiment of purity, wisdom, love and glory, came knowing for whom He came, and cheerfully mingled among the lowest, healing, cleansing and renewing."

"Sing unto the Lord! bless His name; shew forth His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people."

At Home.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING.

A MEETING on the 28th of October, full of interest and encouragement, marked the flight of another half year in the history of our Society. Again was the Assembly Room of the Presbyterian House filled with earnest women, met to thank God for the past, and to gather strength and courage for the future. We publish the reports entire, that all our readers may know of the progress of our work, as rehearsed on that day. If possible, we hope they will be read at the next meeting of each auxiliary. We would together enter upon the remaining six months with thankful, hopeful, prayerful hearts. The Master's voice never before sounded more clearly the command to *go forward*, and let no Red Sea of difficulty or discouragement intimidate us in the path He has traced for our steps!

It was a rare pleasure to hear from the lips of Mrs. Wilder of her life and work in India during the last thirty years. The touching account of her early interest in missions, and her consecration to this cause, we will not attempt to reproduce. Her own words and manner are alone adequate to the task. She laid the foundation of the work for women and girls in Kolapoor, and has been permitted to labor on until the superstructure of truth and beauty begins to rise out of the surrounding heathenism. By winning the girls to her side, she has taught them, and shown the parents some of the benefits of having their daughters taught, until hundreds are learning as in our schools at home. A government school of one hundred girls meets in the palace, and is under Mrs. Wilder's supervision. Here she is not allowed to take her Bible, but has been imparting the truths of the gospel orally, aided by pictures of Bible scenes. In her own schools, however, among her own pupils, of whom she speaks with the utmost tenderness, the truth is unrestricted, and there are among these pupils real,

whole-hearted Christians. Some of the girls will come to Mrs. Wilder's house repeatedly and ask her daughter to pray with them. The dear young missionary takes them one by one to a retired room, where they hold communion with their loving Saviour.

Just before Mr. and Mrs. Wilder left Kolapoor, the scholars and native Christians came to show their affection for them, and to bid them a sad adieu. The only parting gift they were able to make was a song, accompanied with their tears. This was written by one of their own number, and we give below the translation:

He built his house at Kolapoor,
With loving heart and open door,
Inviting all to hear him tell
How Jesus died to save from hell.
Chorus.—Oh, who can find relief
From all-consuming grief?

For twenty years we all have heard
Drop from his lips the healing word—
Pardon and peace and hope of heaven,
Through Jesus Christ alone is given.
Chorus.—Oh, who can find relief, &c.

O pastor loved and mother dear,
Feeding us all with milk sincere,
Of God's own word, which maketh wise,
You've sought to train us for the skies.
Chorus.—Oh, who can find relief, &c.

Your kindness we can ne'er repay;
God bless and keep you both alway,
And those sweet darlings near your heart!
How can we bear from them to part?
Chorus.—Oh, who can find relief, &c.

Pray for the flock you've gathered here.
Forgive our faults, O pastor dear;
And through the riches of Christ's love,
God grant we all may meet above.
Chorus.—Oh, who can find relief, &c.

Mrs. Dr. Newton, another of the dear band of India workers, placed before us pictures of the hopeless death of two Hindu

women, in contrast with the end of the righteous, which is peace. She spoke in earnest words of the good done, and the much yet to be accomplished in Northern India.

Special prayer was offered for our missionaries on the way, or about starting for their stations, and the meeting closed with the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

THE report made at this time has usually been a very brief epitome of the work done in the first six months of the year, leaving the details to be given at the annual meeting in April. Without entering very fully into these details, it seems best now to give the outlines a little more fully than usual, in order that they may stand out clearly to the minds of those interested, which it is especially desirable that they should do. It would be a great gain to the cause if all those connected with auxiliaries, or giving to the Society as individuals, would take the trouble to examine and compare our reports from time to time, with the object of obtaining a distinct idea of the progress made and the points reached, as the work is extended at home and abroad. We shall try to indicate these so clearly that it will be a matter of no difficulty to keep pace with the advancement by intelligent understanding of its progressive steps. We invite and urge a *study of our work*, as it can be made by an examination of our publications for the last five years; and at our annual meeting in April, we hope to present in print a full history of the Society from the time when the desire arose in the hearts of a few Christian women to have such a Society, until the present period of its recognized existence as a power in the church—blessed of God—and holding in itself the promise and prophecy of yet richer blessing in time to come. We said its "full history," but in order to read this, there must be more than human vision, for at the top and bottom of every page, and between the lines, and illuminating the whole, will be an invisible record of answered prayers, God-given power, and consecrated hearts and lives, making it far more truly an "illumi-

nated" volume than those of earthly coloring, laid on by highest monkish skill, could ever be.

But what is the outward and visible record of the first six months of this present year? As regards the work abroad, we have added twelve missionaries to our list, viz.: in India, *Mrs. Gohcen*, of Rock Spring, Pa., soon to sail for Kolapoor with her husband. *Miss Edith A. Blunt* and her sister, *Mrs. E. S. Browne*, who have been actively engaged in zenana work for some time in connection with our missionaries at Futtehgurh. In Siam, we have taken *Miss Sarah A. Bradley*, at Bangkok. In China, *Mrs. C. F. Preston*, of Canton; *Mrs. J. S. Roberts*, of Shanghai, and *Miss F. E. Harshberger*, at Ningpo. In Japan, *Mrs. W. M. K. Imbrie*, who has lately gone thither. In Syria, *Miss H. M. Eddy*, now on her way to that field. In Brazil, we have *Mrs. Da Gama* and *Mrs. Hazlitt* in addition to our former laborers; and in California, among the Chinese there, *Mrs. I. M. Condit.*

The first named in this list has been taken as the missionary of the Society at Englewood, N. J. The second has been offered to, and will probably be accepted by, an auxiliary in Philadelphia. Miss Bradley is the representative of the N. Y. Avenue Church Society in Washington, D. C. Miss Harshberger was mentioned in our Annual Report as under appointment, and she has before this time, we hope, reached Ningpo, where she is to work with Miss Sellers in the school established there by Mrs. Morrison. We hope she will be sustained by the prayers and contributions of the Presbyterial Society of Huntingdon, Pa., as Milroy, her former home, is within its bounds. Mrs. Imbrie has been proposed to the society heretofore supporting Miss A. M. Gamble, who has lately left the American Presbyterian mission for that of another branch of the church.

Our beloved Mrs. Eddy has gone back to Syria, taking with her as a fellow-laborer her daughter, Miss H. M. Eddy, who is claimed by the Roseville Church Auxiliary, in Newark, N. J., as their missionary.

Mrs. Da Gama, of Rio Claro, Brazil, is supported by the auxiliary in Dayton, Ohio; and we hope that Mrs. Hazlitt, who has

very lately gone to Brazil with her husband—both giving the freshness of their youth and vigor to this blessed work—will be cordially, warmly, and fully sustained by the Presbyterial Society in Pennsylvania, from which she has gone.

Mrs. Alexander, of India, known and loved better than ever through her gentle presence among us last winter and spring, sails on her return to her field of labor this week. She leaves part of her very self in this country when she goes, in the person of her little boy; but she does it cheerfully for the love of Christ. Cannot this Society bring some strength and comfort into her heart—into the heart of Mrs. Eddy, who leaves two sons in this country for education, and into the mother heart of all those of our missionaries who have this form of trial to meet and endure, by taking their children thus left under our especial and most loving care? Could we do a better, nobler, more womanly work than this for our Master, who in His last great agony had such tender thought for His mother in her sorrow?

Our new missionary in Africa, Mrs. Reading, who went out last spring, has already had a baptism of affliction in her new home. Her baby, Arthur, fifteen months old, was taken from her arms to those of the Good Shepherd last July, after a short illness. Her husband's letters indicate that they both pass under the rod with full belief that the hand that smites is one that does not willingly afflict, but chastens in abounding love and mercy. Let all these *mothers*, whether parted from their children by rolling oceans, or by the river of death, have our special prayers to-day.

Our schools are all prospering, by the blessing of God. That at Woodstock, India, has been very full and successful, under the care of Miss Anna E. Scott, who went from us a year ago, and was shortly after her arrival in India requested by the mission to take this position. A recent letter from Mrs. Calderwood gives a pleasant little bit regarding the school life there. She says: "All three (her children) have just rushed in, returning from Woodstock. Happy scholars they seem to be there."

It is something good to know that it is no longer necessary for girls of Protestant families in that part of India to be sent to Roman

Catholic seminaries or convents for education; and also that some natives of India are being educated at Woodstock, who will go forth to exercise great influence for good among those whose language they speak, and whose blood flows in their veins. These Eurasians are worth winning for the service of Christ.

The Sidon Seminary is still in the old building, negotiations for a new one having unexpectedly failed at last. The funds are, however, in the meantime drawing interest, and will be used as soon as it is possible to do so advantageously. The school is full and prosperous, and an orphanage is to be undertaken either at Sidon or at some hill station near, as soon as Mr. and Mrs. Eddy are again at their post.

Miss Dean, of the Oroomiah Seminary, is now in this country under medical treatment. The school is not to be opened this winter, but will be recommenced another year, with the Mussulman girls' school combined with it, the building enlarged, and another lady, sent out by a sister society, united with Miss Dean in the superintendence. The funds contributed this year for the seminary will be used in putting the new building into thorough order for the united schools.

Miss Allen, of Mexico, is also at home on a short visit, being greatly in need of rest and change. We have strong hope of sending a lady either with her when she returns, or before that time, if opportunity offers, to aid her in her school.

Our schools in India, at Dehra, Allahabad, Mynpurie, Kolapoor; in China, at Canton, Ningpo, Shanghai, Chefoo; in Japan, at Yedo; in Africa, at Gaboon, Corisco, Benita; in Brazil, at Rio Claro; U. S. Colombia, at Bogota; besides various other village schools in India, China, and Syria, are all of great and growing interest to us; but there is not time to-day to speak of each separately.

A reference to pages 266 and 267 of the October number of *Woman's Work* will show a large amount of new work which we have accepted from the Board of Foreign Missions. Do we hear some one ask, "Was it not somewhat daring to do this? Had we any certainty that the means to accomplish all this would

be placed in our hands by the women of our churches? Did we realize what was the sum total in dollars and cents of that list of objects needing contributions for their support?"

In one sense, *yes*, to these questions; in another, *no*. It is not well always to dwell too exclusively on *sum totals*. There are times and cases when it is better to look at each item by itself, take care of these as opportunity offers, go step by step through the list, sure that each one is right and suitable, and give no anxious thought or forecasting fear to the figures at the end. Dollars and cents are important, certainly; but they may sometimes step into the background for a while, until other questions of duty and privilege and practical necessity are clearly settled.

No *one* assumes the whole burden of this work. The Society at head-quarters does not assume it for itself. Thank God! no. A noble army of workers is at its back, to share its burdens, responsibilities, and labors. Let the divisions of this great army advance all along the line, and each take hold of that part of this array of work that lies opposite to it, and that it can reach and dispose of; let those outside who have been indifferent or pre-occupied come in and take up what is waiting for their doing; *let but each individual do honestly and earnestly what she can*, and we need not trouble ourselves about the footing up of the long line of figures that seems to terrify some timorous ones. If that frightens you, dear sister, do not look at it. Just keep your eyes and your heart and your hands occupied with the little part right close to you, which is quite within your power to grasp and to sustain.

In addition to our monthly publication of *Woman's Work for Woman*, we are just about beginning that of *Children's Work for Children*, a monthly magazine, uniform in size and style with the first-named, but especially adapted to interest children in mission work, and inform them with regard to it. It is our intention to spare no pains or labor in making this what it should be, and we hope to see it before long established as one of our most efficient agencies in this work. We desire again, and with renewed emphasis, to urge upon all our auxiliaries more active aid in the

circulation of *Woman's Work*, as well as their co-operation in bringing this new publication for children into general notice and circulation.

We have been surprised and grieved lately by incidentally learning that many of the *officers* even of our auxiliary societies do not take *Woman's Work*, thereby shutting themselves off from the main channel of communication between the work and the workers. With many it may be mere carelessness and neglect to send the small subscription sum; but is such indifference excusable, when, if it became general, our publication of the magazines would have to cease, and when, besides, it means failure on the part of the very ones to whom we look most confidently for support and sympathy in all our work? Let us have from this time forth not only full and prompt settlement for themselves from those connected with our auxiliaries, but also faithful effort to increase our list of subscribers. It would save the committee who have it in charge much anxious thought and care if this could be done, and the financial condition of both these publications could be placed at once and permanently on a secure foundation.

We have published in these six months a new tract on "Woman in Persia," and one on "Chinese Women in California;" also a circular addressed to our auxiliaries, &c., touching the relation of our work to the Board, and the obligations involved therein.

God seems ever to be calling us to a higher and higher position in this work. As the time for each annual or semi-annual report comes around, the tale of the way by which He leads us seems to grow more and more difficult to tell upon paper, because so much of it has to do with things invisible and eternal. One writes recently: "The reflex influence is to me a very precious part of this work, if not the most so. Scarcely to be credited is my story of the dead-and-alive state of our church, once dry bones indeed, but breathed over by the Holy Spirit, and now full of life. God be thanked for this woman's work for woman!"

With such words, and others like them, resounding in our hearts, is it strange that we falter when we try to write the record of six months, feeling that no pen can tell the tale as it should be

told, and longing to write it in letters of gold upon the blue heavens, that its beauty and glory might appear to all?

"Your work is leavening the church," writes another. Shall we not all earnestly pray to-day that this gentle, hidden, yet mighty influence may go on, striking deeper and deeper into the very heart of our beloved church, spreading its branches on every hand, and reaching far across land and sea to take hold of the very life and centre of heathenism, by bringing its women and children to the foot of the cross?

But our strength is in God. We must never for a moment forget that. When we neglect secret prayer on this behalf—when our meetings together for social prayer languish and die out—when we begin to feel that we are strong and great in ourselves, then, if that sad time ever comes, we may well tremble lest our glory be turned to shame, and our Master take His work from our hands and give it to those who will do it more faithfully in His own appointed way. But we are persuaded better things of this Society. They have leaned upon the strong arm of the Lord hitherto, and He has blessed them. They will still go on trusting to no other power but His, and seeking no other end but the glory of His most precious name and kingdom.

REPORT OF THE HOME SECRETARY.

The 10th of November, 1874, almost a year ago, was set apart as a day of special prayer among the women of the Presbyterian Church, for God's blessing upon the work of foreign missions. To-day we see the fruits of these prayers and supplications, offered with one accord to our Heavenly Father, whose ear is always open to the cries of His children. The home work goes on steadily. At the close of our year, April 30, 1875, our auxiliaries numbered 538; bands, 286. Since then 29 auxiliaries and 19 bands have been reported, making 567 auxiliaries and 305 bands. Three new Presbyterial societies have been reported: that of the Presbytery of Redstone, Pa., West Jersey, and Erie, making in all 16. These Presbyterial societies are important

branches of the vine. Through them all the small country churches can be reached and enlisted, thus greatly aiding the parent Society in its grand and beautiful work.

Our prayer-meeting, which takes place on the third Tuesday of each month, has been carried on faithfully by our managers, having been omitted only during the months of July and August. Those who have frequented these meetings have found it good to be there.

Our magazine, *Woman's Work for Woman*, since March last has been a monthly visitor in our homes; it now has 9500 subscribers. A lady writes from New York: "Last summer, in travelling on the cars, I was presented with some copies of your *Woman's Work for Woman*, also some leaflets. I became much interested in them, and in turn circulated them among some of the ladies in our church, who became quite as much interested. As we have at present no missionary society, will you send us some help, and we will try to organize a band or society?" So our little bright pamphlet helps us to do the good work, and seems to have a welcome wherever it goes.

Another lady writes: "Our church has but few members, and, after every effort, I find it impossible to keep up our society. Our members say, as we require help from the Board of Home Missions, that if we have anything to give, it must be to this Board. I cannot give up *Woman's Work for Woman*, and will keep up a band with my own family and a few Sunday scholars, and pledge myself for $25 for the year."

Miss Harshberger, of Milroy, Pa., sailed from San Francisco September 1st, to take up the work in Ningpo, China. The societies of Milroy, Huntingdon, and Lewistown made it their work of love to provide her outfit, and in addition presented her with a Mason and Hamlin organ, the sweet tones of which will render happy many an hour.

Our Society, as many of you know, is about to issue a magazine for children and youth, to be published monthly, and called *Children's Work for Children*. We present it to you as the offspring of our *Woman's Work for Woman*. We all know the necessity of educating the children of our country to feel

a deep and growing interest in the important work of foreign missions, as the success of the work in the future will depend upon them. We now ask of our auxiliaries and bands, in fact, of the whole Presbyterian Church, their prayers and hearty co-operation in this new enterprise. The want of some foreign missionary intelligence for youth makes us determine to go forward, knowing that those who have helped us in the past will not fail us in this our present need.

Let us not, as representatives of auxiliaries and bands, forget one of the new forms of woman's work presented to us in the October magazine—a fund for the children of missionaries. Let us pray that this fund may be swelled until the cry shall come, "Enough!" Prayer is the key-note of our success. In conclusion, we would urge you to renewed prayer and efforts in behalf of our beloved foreign missionary work.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Balance on hand, April 30, 1875,		$126 21
Receipts from April 30th to October 28, 1875,		19,078 41
Total,		$19,204 62
Payments from April 30, to October 28, 1875:		
Printing Fifth Annual Report, Leaflets, Circulars, &c.,	$641 50	
Postage and Stationery,	70 80	
Advertising and Express Charges,	3 50	
Salary of Treasurer,	175 00	
Sup. of Missionaries, Teachers, Schools, Scholars, &c.,	14,310 80	$15,201 60
Balance on hand, October 28, 1875,		$4,003 02

CALIFORNIA BRANCH.

Balance on hand, April 5, 1875,	$725 10
Receipts since,	782 61
	$1,507 71
Payments,	788 82
Balance on hand, October 5, 1875,	$718 89

MRS. J. M. FISHBURN,
Treasurer.

OUR SISTERS ON THE WAY.

Mrs. Eddy writes from near Liverpool, on her way to Syria: . . . "Now the great wide ocean lies between us. It is a long way; every stroke of the engine goes to my heart and says, 'One step further you are being borne from loved ones.' The second thought is, 'One step nearer to the home of your future labors.' The captain and officers say we have had a very fair passage, and perhaps I shall think so when once more on land. We are prepared to appreciate a rest of a few days."

Mrs. Imbrie and Miss Harshberger have written to friends, from the steamer China, north latitude, 36°, east longitude, 179°.

Recently the question has come to us, "Shall we be recognized as auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, if we adopt any constitution except the one prepared by that Society?" In reply, we would say, for the benefit of any about to organize, or who have already formed societies, that you can adopt any constitution you wish; but if you organize for both foreign and home missions, *the foreign work only* is to be reported to us.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Presbyterial Society of Presbytery of West Jersey.
Presbyterial Society of Presbytery of Erie.
Concord Church, Butler Co., Pa.
Brasher Falls, N. Y.
North Broad St. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Manokin Ch., Princess Anne, Md.
Chandler Church, Phila. Pa.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Ardery, Mrs. Margaret
Bray, Miss Mary
Evans, Miss Ella
Hall, Mrs. E. T.
Hoffman, Miss Fanny
Hoffman, Mrs. Susan
Inglis, Mrs. Janet
Irvin, Mrs. Margaret
Lux, Mrs. Charles
Lyle, Mrs. Sarah J.
Marshall, Mrs. James
M'Arthur, Mrs. John, Jr.
M'Carrell, Mrs. Martha
Miller, Mrs. E.
Mills, Miss Nancy J.
Plumley, Mrs. G. S.
Raynolds, Mrs. W. F.
Sterling, Mrs. Elisha
Taylor, Mrs. L. P.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from Oct. 1, 1875.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

BALTIMORE. — Williamsport Aux., $22 87; Miss Findley's S. S. Class, $3 30; Individuals, $20, for sup. Ida Li, Tungchow, . . . $46 17

BUTLER.—Martinsburg Aux., for work in Persia, $9; New Salem Aux., bal. for scholarship, Kolapoor, $17, . 26 00

CINCINNATI. — Walnut Hills Aux., sup. Miss'y, Mexico, 200 00

CLARION.—Corsica Aux., . 25 00

CLEVELAND. — Rome Aux., $2 75; Newburg Aux., $9 30; Kingsville, $5 80; Cleveland 1st Ch. Aux., $52 05; Hudson Aux., $6; Collamer Aux., $9; Northfield Aux., $8 50, for sup. Miss'y, Brazil ($93 40); Woodland Av. Aux., sup. Miss'y, Ningpo, $51 60; 2d Ch. S. S., sup. Joao de Campos, Brazil, $50, . . . 195 00

COLUMBUS.—Columbus 2d Ch. Aux., Mrs. Dunn, bal. for Flora Dunn scholarship, Canton, ... 5 50

ELIZABETH.—Bethlehem Aux., for work in Syria, $25; Lamington Aux., $30 20; Plainfield Aux., sup. Missionary, Allahabad, $88, . . . 143 20

HUNTINGDON.—Hollidaysburg Aux., sup. Miss'y, Ningpo, 103 00

JERSEY CITY.—Hoboken Aux., $25; Englewood Aux., sup. Miss'y, Kolapoor, $450; Tenafly Aux., sup. Sophia Baharsa, Dehra, $50 60; I'll Try Band (of which $35 for orphan, Futtehgurh) $85 610 60

KITTANNING.—Centre Church, Creek Side Circle, $10 25; Apollo Aux., sup. Miss'y, Siam, $50; Freeport Aux., sup. Miss'y, Siam, $37 50; Kittanning, 1st Ch. Aux., support Miss'y, Mynpuric, $155; Leechburg Aux., sup. Miss'y, Siam, $25; Saltsburg Aux., sup. Miss McFarren's school, Bogota, $52, . . 329 75

LACKAWANNA.—Wilkesbarre, 1st Ch. Aux., of which $5 09 from Miss Day's Band of Cheerful Givers, for sup. Miss'y, Kolapoor, $100; Shickshinny Aux., $1 85, . $101 85

MAHONING. — New Lisbon Aux., $40; New Lisbon Miss. Band, $10, sup. Missionary, Bogota, . . 50 00

MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Morristown, 1st Ch. Aux., sup. Miss'y, Allahabad, $409 25; Orange Central, Miss R. F. Morso's S. S. Cl., sup. Bodha, blind boy, Etawah, $10, . 419 25

NEW ALBANY.—Jeffersonville Aux., sup. Ram Dyal, Nat. Teacher, Furrukhabad, . 27 00

NEW BRUNSWICK.—Trenton, 1st Ch., Golden Hour Circle, sup. child of teacher, Yokohama, $26; A Friend, for work in Brazil (1 scudo), $1; Stockton Aux., sup. school, Sughbin, Syria, $40 67 00

NEWTON. —Belvidere, 1st Ch. S. S., sup. Frank M. Sherrerd, Benita, . . . 25 00

NORTH RIVER. — Poughkeepsie, 1st Ch. Aux., sup. school, Jeditha, Syria, . . . 150 00

NORTHUMBERLAND. — Lewisburg Aux., ... 35 00

OREGON.—Portland Aux., sup school, Furrukhabad, $50, *gold*, ... 57 62

OTSEGO.—Cooperstown Aux., sup. school on Mt. Hermon, Syria, ... 38 00

PHILADELPHIA.—Old Pine St. Ch., Workers for Jesus, quarterly payment sup. two Bible Readers, Mynpurie, $25; Woodland Aux., sup. Miss'y, Benita, $147 15, . 172 15

PHILADELPHIA CENTRAL.—Olivet Aux., sup. Ramcore, Teacher, Kolapoor, $50; North Ch., B. L. Agnew Band, sup. scholarship No. 1, Sidon Seminary, $60; Johnstone Aux., sup. Missionary, Odanah, $70, . 180 00

PITTSBURGH AND ALLEGHENY COM. — Pittsburgh, 6th Ch. Aux., for sup. scholarship,

Mynpurie, $30; Sewickley Aux., sup. Miss'y, Woodstock, $41; Ladies' Missionary Society, for Mynpurie, $9; Bethany Aux., for scholarship, Mynpurie, $30, . $110 00

Rochester.—Geneseo, Central Ch., "Grains of Wheat," bal. sup. pupil, Allahabad, $14; 2d Mary Gregory Bd., bal. sup. pupil, Allahabad, $16; 1st Ch., Sparta Aux., for New Canton School Building, $30, . . . 60 00

Shenango.—Westfield Aux., for erecting building for girls' school, under care of Mrs. McFarland, Siam, . 60 00

Steubenville.—Beech Spring Aux., ... 26 00

Union.—Knoxville Aux., . 35 00

Washington. — Claysville Aux., bal. for year for sup. Miss'y, Tungchow, $30; Centre Ch., Mrs. J. L. Park, $50; Amity Aux., sup. U-Sz-Nai, B. R., Canton, $25; Cross Creek Aux. (of which $50 for sup. Miss'y, Tabriz), $75, ... 180 00

West Jersey. — Cedarville Aux., ... 17 00

Westminster. — Columbia Aux., sup. Miss'y, Woodstock, $100; Williamstown Mission Band, sup. Celia Dorsey, Gaboon ($20 *gold*), $23 25; Slate Ridge Aux., for Canton Mission, $18 08, $141 33

Zanesville.—Coshocton Aux., $54; Martinsburg Aux., $22 85; Muskingum Aux., $31 90; Mt. Vernon Aux. (of which $12 80 for New Canton School Building), $26 46, ... 135 21

Miscellaneous. — Philadelphia, Mrs. J. R. Nicholas, per centage on sale of Fern Mottoes, $4 80; ——, *special*, for passage and sup. Miss'y to Gaboon, $100; Gold sold, $10; Miss Maggie Smith, $25; Germantown, Miss Bayard, $5; Dover, Del., Mrs. Cyrus Huntington, proceeds of sale of piece of silver, for Canton Mission, $10: St. Peters, Minn., Mrs. Jane A. Treadwell, $5, ... 159 80

Total Receipts, Oct. 1875, $3,931 43

California Branch.

Receipts for the Six Months ending October 5, 1875.

Howard Ch. Aux., of which $25 from Hon. Geo. Barstow to constitute his wife a Life Member, . . $54 25

Calvary Ch. Aux., . . 58 00

1st Pres. Ch. Aux., . . 80 00

Oakland, Aux., . . . 55 00

San Jose Aux., . . . 25 00

Sacramento Aux., . . 14 40

Brooklyn Aux., . . . 18 45

Chico Aux., ... 10 00

St. John's Ch., Miss. Bands, 44 05

1st Pres. Ch., Miss. Bands, 50 05

Howard Ch., Mission Bands, 10 00

Santa Clara Mission Bands, 10 00

Brooklyn Mission Bands, . 7 75

Bethany Chapel S. S., Brooklyn, N. Y., $50 currency, . 43 50

La Crosse, Wis., $17 60, cur., $15 40

Mrs. M. Morris, Phila., Pa., 25 00

John B. Maurice, New York, 5 00

Mrs. M. L. Stuart, to constitute her two daughters, Imogen and Lennie, Life Members, ... 50 00

Ladies of this Society to constitute Mrs. E. V. Robbins a Life Member, . . 25 00

Mrs. Chas. Lux, L. M., . 25 00

Monthly subscriptions, &c., 156 76

$782 61

Balance on hand, April 5th, 725 10

Total, ... $1,507 71

From the Presbyterian Board of Publication, two packages of Scripture pictures for the use of zenana visitors in India, valued at $12.

Mrs. J. M. Fishburn, *Treasurer*,

Philadelphia, November 1, 1875. 1334 Chestnut Street.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

INDIA.

Mrs Kelso.

Rawal Pindi, N. India, March 9, 1875.

. . . We who labor in the midst of heathenism feel the need of something to bring us into sympathy with Christians, whether in America or England Surely our hearts should be large enough to enter into and sympathize in these movements. I think they are, and I am sure many a cry goes up to the hearer and answerer of prayer in India for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, wherever Messrs. Moody and Sankey are laboring. London shaken, the Christian hopes the world is shaken. . . .

I asked Mrs. H. to beg for a harmonium for me, to teach our women and girls to sing. I feel ashamed to beg so often, but I know if it is the Lord's will, He will enable you to provide this for me. You have many calls on you; but your hearts are filled with love and zeal, so I do not hesitate to ask. . . . Miss Woodside is working with all her heart in the girls' school, and sometimes visits the zenanas. She is studying Punjabi, and can read very nicely. She has a class in the house every day directly after breakfast; and once a week, lately, she has had a very interesting class of English ladies, who are desirous of acquiring Urdu (the Roman Urdu), so as to be able to teach their servants, and to enable them to tell the sweet story of Jesus and His love to their ayahs and other dependents.

This is a new era in the lives of English ladies out here, who have ample means, and servants *ad libitum* to wait on them, leaving them, as a rule, with little else to do but visit, shop, entertain large parties at dinners and *Badmuelon*, and while away their quiet moments with lace work or music. Of course there are many—

yes, very many, noble exceptions, and it is these exceptions who are leavening Indian society, stirring their friends to be up and doing. I have heard of many an English lady lately who, in a quiet way, is doing missionary work, reading to her servants, or beginning schools for her servants' children. This is the way India will be Christianized, when England's sons and daughters, from love to Jesus, try to win souls for their Master; when by their example they will show to the heathen the beauty of true religion. All this tends, we hope, to prepare India for that day when its people will turn to the true and living God. We have many kind Christian friends here, and a lady of prominent rank in full sympathy with us and our work. She began an association last year for the Punjab, like those of Mrs. Pennyfather in England, and we find this association of Christian workers has been the means of strengthening and comforting us all. We have a monthly meeting for prayer and study of some selected portions of God's word, and, daily, one member of the association is prayed for by all the members. . . .

We are desirous of enlarging our work, and a good opportunity has offered itself of opening another girls' school. One of the Sikh religious teachers of the city has been, during the past month, teaching Miss Woodside and myself Punjabi. We are both interested in him, for he is a nice, quiet man, full of intelligence, too—a man with an exceedingly pleasing, honest countenance, which perhaps appears more attractive as the poor man is crippled and a dwarf. Well, this interesting man said he had a brother who could take charge of a school for us, and in a short time he had hopes of having a very good school; so we desired him to secure us a nice building.

Last Friday being the day appointed for us to accompany Nehr Singh, our Sikh teacher, to "view the landscape o'er," we went through several of the winding, narrow streets of the city, and through a bit of the Bazaar, till we stopped before a very unpretending-looking building, which Nehr Singh said was his *dharmsal*, or place of worship. We asked if we might see it, and a cordial invitation being given us to enter, we did so, and were

greatly pleased, for here we were not pained with the sight of stone images, and a quiet, decent air pervaded the whole place. We stood in a covered passage, on one side of which was the worshipping place, divided into two compartments. The smaller of the two was a good deal raised from the ground, and nicely carpeted. There were some low *charpais*, or beds, draped with cloth, and on these their sacred book, the *Granth*, was spread out, and covered with print handkerchiefs. Over the book were suspended three very large silken tassels, and all around the walls were hung pictures depicting scenes in the life of their *guru*, Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. The larger compartment was carpeted too, and here they have a very small stand, with a commoner edition of the *Granth*, where the men and women who go to read it sit, and where I suspect the teachers frequently indulge in noonday siestas, for we disturbed the slumbers of a venerable man, who, with true politeness, pardoned us for disturbing him, and welcomed us warmly. "This is my father," said our friend the dwarf; and then followed questions about the place. The old man was only too delighted to comply with our request, and sat down and read a portion of the *Granth* to us. He intoned it just as I have heard Roman Catholic priests intone their services.

Over the entrance of the small compartment were verses written in Punjabi, in bright colors, taken from the sacred book, and which reminded one of a part of the Pilgrim's Progress. Opposite the covered passage in which we stood there was another compartment, where I noticed several stone mortars, and large wooden pestles, used for the purpose of concocting a drink of *bhang*, a native drug, red pepper and poppy seed, which they give in small quantities daily to the worshippers, in order to intoxicate them slightly, and also to give them an appetite. The old man was very anxious to send for sweetmeats for us, and professed to be greatly distressed at our leaving without having eaten anything.

These Sikh teachers, or *gurus*, are sometimes called to a congregation, as we call our pastors, and sometimes, as in this case,

the office deseends from father to son. After we had finished inspecting this place, we walked to a fine large house close by, and were delighted to hear that we could rent it cheaply; so before long we expect to have another school for Hindu girls. We hope you will pray for our success, and that we may labor in it faithfully and earnestly, looking in faith to Jesus to remove our difficulties. Pray for us. We need prayer more than anything else. . . .

INDIA.

Extracts from Letters from Miss Bacon.

While at Agra, I heard the Rev. Mr. Somerville, from Glasgow, sent out by the Anglo-Indian Aid Society to hold evangelistic meetings in North India. He is a grand old preacher, and these meetings have had a wonderful influence in waking up the people, soldiers and others who have settled in India from Christian countries. Mr. S. heard Mr. Moody, and caught some of his earnestness. He has left behind him a rich inheritance in Moody and Sankey hymns. The son of Mr. S. accompanied him, and led the singing, besides playing the organ, which went about over the country with him. This may prepare the way for Moody and Sankey, whom it is hoped may be induced to visit this Eastern world next winter. They are to be urgently requested to do so. Is not the way the Lord in gathering souls into His kingdom through their instrumentality marvelous in our eyes? . . . Can it be that you have not written because I was moving about? You need not fear. A letter has wonderful persistence in hunting up people, and if you direct it to any city where we have a missionary, it is sure to find me. . . . The Mission want me to start a school here for East Indian children—that is, children who have parents neither pure English nor native, though they call themselves the former. There is an immense population of this class. They are a most neglected people, and in a pitiable condition, despised by the genuine English, and degraded in the eyes of the true native. They are called Eurasians. I have not

yet decided whether or not to do it. Work is so much needed in every direction, that it seems to matter little where one works. . . . I am quite sure I could never live in the hills another year. . . . This is a great military station, and the women of the regiments are wicked and thoughtless, seeming to care for little that is good. I have spent a good deal of time the last month in visiting and having meetings with them. There is one very excellent old Scotch woman in one of the regiments who goes with us in our visitations, and brings the children to the Sabbath-school.

If the burdens of those who go forth in the name of the Master are so great, if the difficulties that surround them are such that heart fails, or would fail, did we not know that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord, there is the greater reason why they should often receive words of cheer from friends at home.

There is always this one fact to stimulate your activity. Our Father has uncounted multitudes of children here who know Him not. If you are at all certain that your efforts are so directed that light is really being given to those who are in darkness, you may always take courage in your work.

At Delhi I spent two or three days in visiting the work of the missions. Mr. Smith of the Baptist mission has labored in India for many years. He was then preaching Christ to the natives from four to eight times a day.

I have no expectation that my letters will be the source of strength and comfort to you that yours are to me. And now may God strengthen, direct, and give you comfort in your own hearts, granting you abundant success in your efforts to spread the knowledge of the gospel! Pray for me, that I may be entirely conformed to the image of the Master in mind and spirit. This is what I want, that you take me in all my nothingness to Him in whom dwelleth all fullness. Pray that He may use me in His own way and for His own glory.

"For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Home Work.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH.

DECEMBER! Syria! How involuntarily we first recall that land of the Bible which stirred us as little children, with the lives of Rebecca and Sarah, Anna, Dorcas and Deborah, and how desires filled our minds to be as the women of Syria were! As we grow older we find that Syria is no longer here, but in its stead a land that has been given over to destruction since the days of the apostles. Its valleys have been the world's great battle-ground, where for ages armies and nations have met in deadly conflict. From the east and the west they gathered there, and made its hillsides rich with the blood of their bravest and best, as they strove in the vain contest for fame, ambition, worldly glory or fanatical zeal.

The inhabitants to-day are but faint antitypes of their noble ancestors. The little girl is only a bane and not a blessing in the family, her only outlook a life of misery and degradation, the slave of her father, brother, or even worse, her husband; considered only in the light of a servant to perform the most menial offices. No glory or emolument is hers, no place or position in the family, receiving only rough, coarse treatment from those whom long practice has perfected in this art. Self-respect is impossible under such conditions, and it has been to alter these that our missionaries have been and are most earnestly laboring. Girls' schools have been started with great care and pains, and the people when Christianized are taught to step gradually round by round up the ladder of civilization. Hard work indeed it is, and discouraging at times for the missionaries who find that so much and such long care must be taken of the seed after it is planted before it begins to produce fruit. Fruit is however now coming in. The schools are educating the women, and they, in turn, their families. One of the prominent men there has recently come to the conclusion that if the boys are to be raised and elevated, the mothers, who have

the first care of them, must be educated; so he is greatly in favor of continuing the schools.

Of all countries, one would think that our thoughts and prayers would go out most earnestly for that one from whence we originally derived all our light, and if our faith were only stronger and more desirous of showing itself in works as well as words, we should not have to wait so long for answers to our prayers. When we remember that, according to statistics, it costs from ten to twenty per cent. less to convert a heathen than one living in our own land, let us arouse ourselves, and see to it that no soul shall be prevented from lack of help or interest on our part. Let us hold up the hands and cheer the hearts of those who have gone in our stead, and let them know that though far away, we still have their interests dear in our hearts!

NEW WORK.

We publish this month a complete list of new work assumed by our Board of the Northwest this fall.

Mexico.		
Zacatecas.—Half expense of school,	*In gold,*	$300 00
Cos.—Half expense of school,	"	300 00
Rent,	"	40 00
South America.		
Chili.—Two missionaries' support, each,	*In gold,*	600 00
India.		
Gualior.—Two Girls' Schools, each,		100 00
Rawal Pindi.—One school,		60 00
Futtehgurh.—Heathen Girls' School,		165 00
Christian Girls' School,		200 00
Shahabad.—Three scholarships,		150 00
Ambala.—Two schools, each,		150 00
Two Bible women, each,		72 00
Rent,		300 00
China.		
Ningpo.—Six scholarships, each,		40 00
Shanghai.—Six scholarships, each,		40 00
Chimi.—Branch School,		100 00
Africa,		
Corisco.—Three scholarships, each,		25 00
Gaboon.—Six scholarships, each,		25 00

SYRIA.

Beirut.—One missionary's support,	$450 00
District Schools,	100 00
Mountain Schools,	250 00
Abeih.—Common Schools,	500 00
Missionary's support,	450 00
Rents (proportionate),	80 00

SABBATH THOUGHTS.

Two or three days ago, my September *Woman's Work* came, always a welcome guest. I had only time for a hasty glance, but this Sabbath afternoon I brought it to my room, and have read it from cover to cover. And as I lay it down, it is with the feeling that it grows in interest with each number.

While every line is pure gold, I cannot help wishing especially that the article "To those who want Rousing" might be read by every Christian woman in our land, while I think that we secretaries will do well to receive Miss Cort's gentle hint.

I have been longing to tell the dear sisters of a recent visit from our loved missionary. For five years we have claimed her as our own. We have written to her in her far-distant home, and have received letters from her. From time to time we have sent our gifts, and have always remembered her with loving interest in our prayers, until her name is written on all our hearts. But now that failing health has compelled her to return to the dear home land for rest, we have seen her face to face. What unspeakable pleasure it has given us to clasp her hand, and to hear from her own lips of her self-denying labors in far-off Persia. And yet, not so. Self is lost sight of. It is of the Master's work she tells us, and pleads earnestly for our prayers that her health may be restored, and she may be permitted soon to return to the work she loves so well.

It brings sadness to our hearts to know that the Female Seminary at Oroomiah, around which so many tender associations cluster, is closed for lack of a teacher. But we rejoice that two young ladies have gone out to take Miss Dean's place, and the suspension will be but temporary.

How shall it be with the thirty societies or more that have been

supporting pupils in that school? Shall we become discouraged and our efforts cease because the pupils are scattered? By no means. Rather let us put forth still more earnest effort, and let us follow these pupils to their homes with our prayers, that they may be living epistles, known and read of all, daily bearing witness to the truth as it is in Jesus. So shall we see this which seems to us so sad, to "have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel."

Now that Mussulman girls have been admitted to the school with the Nestorian girls, there is imperative need of larger accommodations. Miss Dean suggests that those who have been supporting pupils allow their funds to be held in reserve this year for enlarging the school buildings.

Shall we heed this suggestion, and shall we still, as I believe we have done in the past, bear this school upon our hearts before the Throne of Grace, remembering also the dear sister now at home, with those who have so recently gone out to take the work she has left? C. S. W.

BRING ALL YOUR TITHES.

We hear with much satisfaction that the item in the September number calling attention to the suggestion in the Annual Report of our Home Secretary, is taking effect. The new officers to take charge of *Woman's Work* are being appointed. We would now ask your prayerful consideration of the closing sentence in the paragraph from which the former hint was taken. "Send us a tithe of your brain power." Are you, educated Christian women of the Northwest, doing what you can with the advantages you have received? Are the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars that were expended in training your intellectual powers bringing forth fruit for Jesus? Or are you, even as those whose hearts have never been touched with living fire, frittering your precious gifts on society, fashion, dress, trifling cares? Do you say you have not time, family duties are pressing, health is feeble, excusing yourself in scores of ways, while over and over again on bended knees

you must accuse yourself for not bringing "*all* the tithes into the storehouse?" Find your answer and seek inspiration and renewed consecration in the following touching story, furnished us by one who has long known the dear sufferer and loving disciple.

In one of our extreme northern towns, an invalid has been confined to her bed for weeks, and to her room for months. In feebleness and acute suffering, through long nights of weary watching, and days of feverish restlessness, she has employed her talents in her Master's service. Do you ask "how?" She has organized a mission band of children, who, from the proceeds of fancy articles they have made, have realized money enough to support a child in China. She often sends us articles for our magazine; thoughts which she is unable herself to commit to paper, because she is not always strong enough to hold her pen. Can any one excuse herself in such a presence? Dare any one hide a single talent in a napkin?

A DELIGHTFUL OCCASION.

THOUGH at this late date, we cannot forbear expressing the great joy and refreshment that came to us from that grand Woman's Meeting, held in connection with the American Board in Chicago, October 7th. One of the large churches of the city, galleries and floor, was densely filled, many standing, including those who could not get into the main audience room, and therefore held a meeting in another room. There must have been twenty-five hundred persons present, not including the gentlemen. Is not this a sign of the times to rejoice in? Three Boards were largely represented. Voices from the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and the Interior—our own Interior, where so many of us first learned to love and labor for the cause of woman's missions—greeted the eager listeners. All honor to these noble bands of workers! Let us emulate their zeal and loving sacrifice for the Master. And what shall we say of the fifteen missionary women who were there from their distant fields of labor? As one and another spoke of what God had wrought and of the whitening fields, how did our hearts glow with gratitude and love that He has permitted us who stay at home to

bear some feeble part in this noble service. Heroic women! We shall not soon forget your stories of loving devotion to the Saviour of poor lost sinners. May each woman whose privilege it was to hear and see, feel that a new responsibility rests upon her, and that by God's grace she will give more of prayer and effort to the sending of the gospel to every creature, till light and blessedness shall come to "earth's darkest places!"

PRAYER ASKED FOR THE ODANAH MISSION.

Miss S. A. Dougherty writes from Odanah, Wisconsin:

. . . Will you not pray most earnestly for us? A few weeks ago a young widow joined our little band of Christians, who had passed through the eight degrees required to reach the Grand Medicine. I don't know what they are. They are very reticent upon their doctrines and religious services. She is in the midst of most bitter heathen, and for her I would ask your loving prayers. She was baptized Julia Stoddard. Oh, all of them are so weak; such babes that they need to be held often in the arms of faith before the Throne of Mercy in the prayers of home Christians, who are so strong, and have so many helps. Blessed be our Father who gave these. . . . There are many poor, blind, lame and sick old women, for whom we long for the comforts of God's blessing and love. One old woman, walking with two canes, is a Christian; lives with a heathen daughter, her son-in-law, one of the leaders. Yet, when at all possible, she walks for three-quarters of a mile to be present at meetings, and though very ignorant, and almost persecuted, her happy, truthful face is a sermon in itself. . . .

There is certainly an attempt among some of the women to rise, especially the Christians; they pay more attention to neatness of attire. I think they are not dull; they have great power, habit of observation, and are able, by scanning the features and expressions of a person, to catch the meaning of a sentence sooner than most white people. I have often noticed here that those who understand no English guess much sooner what is intended to be said to them than those of our band who understand no Indian do what is said to them in that language.

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Granville, Ohio, W. M. S., for sup. of sch. in Futtehgurh, India,	25 00
Monmouth, Ill., W. M. S.,	125 00
Chicago, Ill., 8th Ch., W. M. S., for sup. of Bible Reader, Dahm Rani, in Mynpurie,	33 00
Bay City, Mich., W. M. S.,	32 45
Erie, Mich., W. M. S.,	5 00
Quincy, Mich., W. M. S.,	50
El Paso, Ill., for Ysong Sha, in Miss Downing's school, Chefoo, China,	11 67
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Chicago, S. S. of 5th Ch., for sup. of two mountain schs., in Persia,	10 00
Hepworth, Ill., W. M. S.,	14 00
Lake Forest, Ill., W. M. S.,	14 50
Lake Forest, Ill., "Steady Streams,"	10 11
Lake Forest, Ill., W. M. S.,	41 00
Winona, Minn., W. M. S.,	7 30
Detroit, Mich., Boys' For. Miss. Soc., for sup. of Monassels, gold draft for	30 00
Quincy, Ill., W. M. S., for Tabreez, Persia,	100 00
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Olney, Ill., Aux. Soc., "Constant Givers,"	21 60
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Chicago, 3d Ch., W. M. S., for sup. of Mrs. Kelso, India,	100 00
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Chicago, 1st Ch., for Miss Morrison,	29 50
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Premium on Detroit Boys' Gold Draft,	4 30
Gift at Annual Meeting,	20 00
Lake Forest, Ill., W. M. S.,	17 00
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Is out, and you can see from the next page what good things are in it.

It is for boys as well as for girls, and we shall tell you many things about those strange lands and nations of which you know so little. We do not mean to *give* you this magazine, children, for two reasons. One is, that if we did this, we could not afford to publish it long, for it would be a losing business all the time, so far as paying printers' bills would be concerned; and we act on the principle of never getting into debt for anything. The other reason is, that we think you will value it much more if you pay a little for it. You can almost all of you raise 40 or 50 cents a year to bring this visitor to you every month, with your name written upon it; and when it once comes, and you see how pretty it looks, and how it helps you to work for the dear Lord Jesus, you will never let the 40 or 50 cents be wanting.

Now, how many of you will ask this little messenger to come to you once a month, with its pictures and poetry, and its words of encouragement and help, in doing your part towards sending your blessed Bible to children away off in those dark lands? Let us have your names, your address, your subscription, and we will thus visit you. We do not think you will be sorry if you invite us; and we think you will like us well enough to treat us very kindly and carefully, and ask us to come again. We should like, at the close of the year, to step into a nice solid binding, to go upon your book-shelves, and have a place there always. Shall we not?

One thing more we want to ask of you, dear children. Will not each one of you, after you have read this circular, or have heard it read, just go by yourselves a minute, and ask the Lord Jesus to bless this little magazine from the very beginning, as it goes forth to speak for Him? Far more than all else, we want His blessing on this work of CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN—and we shall have it if we ask for it.

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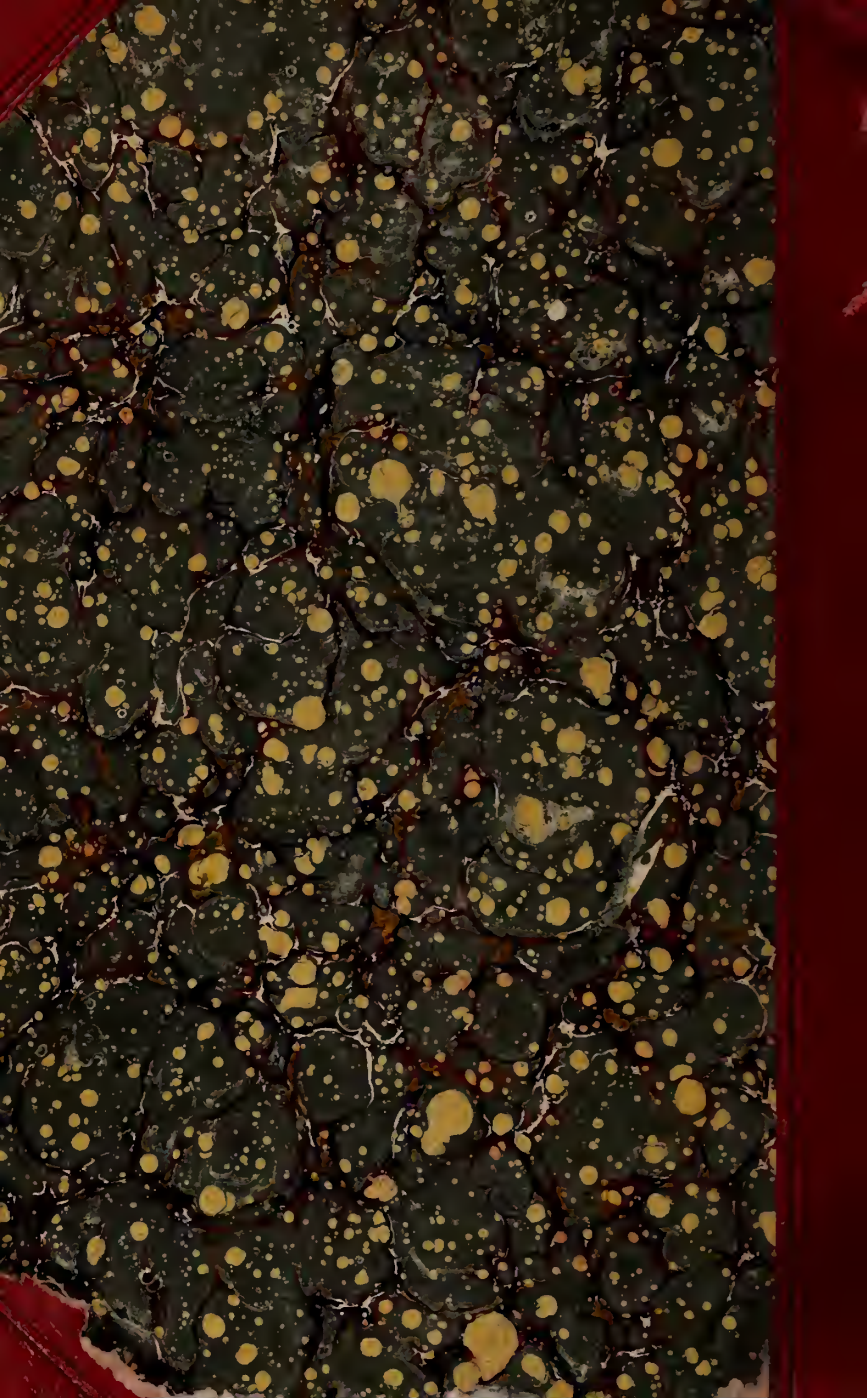
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